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Mask mandate no longer in effect on campus

By Jimmy Romo
News Editor

The mask mandate on campus has abruptly been removed after Gov. Steve Sisolak announced Nevada no longer requires the public to wear face masks.

At 10 a.m. on Feb. 10, Sisolak held a press conference where he announced that the mask mandate was removed for the general public.

“We have seen a rapid decline in case numbers,” Sisolak said in a press conference. “Coupled with the declining number of hospitalizations, a drop in COVID-19 detected in wastewater and a broader availability of testing, and an increase in available treatments,”

“Now is the appropriate time for me to announce that Nevada will rescind our mask mandate effective immediately,” Sisolak said.



Percussion performance in the Fine Arts building. Photo by Jimmy Romo

“Masks will no longer be required in public places, but there are still locations where you may be asked to wear a mask.”

Places where the public could be asked to wear masks are those locations that are serving vulner-

able populations. This includes hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities. Other locations like public transportation, airports, airplanes, public buses, and school buses, which are federally protected.

But not everyone agrees with the drop of the mask mandate, Brain Labus, epidemiologist and assistant professor for UNLV, believes it is still too early.

“I would love to see the mask mandate go on much longer, as most public health people would,” Labus said. “But it’s a matter of it not necessarily being practical. It’s become a very political issue. And if we spend all our time arguing about the mandate, we don’t spend our time actually trying to stop COVID.”

UNLV has made an emphasis that KN95 and N95 masks are free while supplies last at the front desk of the Student Union and offer the greatest coverage.

Labus ensures that the reason for removing the mask mandate was not related to the effectiveness of face masks, but whether to require them or not. This decision

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Attempted robbery led to bomb threat

By Jimmy Romo
News Editor

In an attempted robbery of the U.S. Bank located in the Student Union (SU), the suspect that was placed in custody referenced a bomb in the SU.

On Feb. 10, at 10:30 a.m. University Police (UPD) responded to an attempted robbery at

the U.S. Bank on the first floor of the Student Union (SU). The suspect was unarmed and placed into custody in connection to the incident. In custody, the individual referenced a bomb inside the SU, according to Assistant Chief of the UPD, Tod Miller.

The entire building was evacuated by responding officers. UPD created the opportunity

to check the building of a bomb.

Officers evacuated inhabitants from the premises where they crowded in the D parking lot located next to Harmon St. and Maryland Parkway.

The emergency notification came at 11:06 a.m. The message read, “Bomb Threat received, Student Union. Building evacuated. Avoid the area until

further notice.”

UPD cruisers blocked entry to all access points of the SU.

Upon confirmation that there was no credible threat and the evacuation was lifted, where the building reopened at 11:20 a.m.

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Students should be more cautious

By Allister Dias
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Since the 1980s, Las Vegas has seen a noticeable explosion in population. However, as a result of rapidly rising population rates, it has led to more congested roadways and an increase in traffic-related car crashes.

Today, the prevalence of car crashes and traffic-related deaths has sparked a great amount of concern around the safety of drivers on Las Vegas roadways. The recent deadly North Las Vegas crash that killed nine people, seven of the same family, has highlighted the dangers of driving in recent years.

With car crashes increasing in Las Vegas, should students exercise additional caution, and just what can students do to be safe on the road?

“I think everyone (students included) should drive with more caution,” said Bridget Podlesni, a freshman hospitality management major at UNLV.

“Sometimes car crashes are inevitable,” Podlesni

continued. “I think we as a society need to do a better job of being more understanding of student drivers.”

Podlesni further expanded on the fact that drivers here in Las Vegas need to be vigilant at all times on the roadways and invest their full attention toward all elements of

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Black History Month: Healthcare



Civil rights march on Washington, D.C. Taken August 28th, 1963. Photo by Warren K. Leffler from Unseen Histories

By Britzel Sandoval
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Black History Month shines a spotlight onto what the celebration means, and what the community has gone through, the Director of UNLV oral history research center and the host of “We Need To Talk,” Claytee White, took a deeper dive into the struggles that are faced in the Black community.

On “We Need To Talk About Health Care,” White and her guests discuss day-to-day limited resources for these communities in the Las Vegas valley. Guests include: the President of UNLV, Keith E. Whitfield, Executive Director from the office of community partnerships, Jose Melendrez, and a director from UNLV’s Health Disparities Research about public health and struggles that these communities face, Melva Thompson-Robinson.

The talk was about announcing that they are taking the opportunity to include other communities such as: Native Americans, Latinos, Pacific Islanders, and Asians to the conversation.

The episode begins by giving us an introduction to the problems these communities face and how they got started. Thompson-Robinson educates viewers on the structural racism that all five communities have encountered in the U.S. In the episode, she also explains that structural racism began when red lining began in the 1940s and proceeded until the 1980s.

Red lining is when actual red lines were drawn in certain communities where minorities were practically forced to take refuge, since they would not get approved for homes elsewhere, Thompson-Robinson explains. These communities were ones who were under-re-

sourced, where higher education often was not an option, and receiving healthcare was essentially impossible for those communities.

During the pandemic, essential workers who live in under-resourced communities cannot come home to self-isolate if they were sick. Whitefield explains that Native Americans in the Navajo Reserve are not only unable to isolate, but were unable to perform the main task that was advised, which is hand washing in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Based on the research that Whitefield has previously done, he educates viewers that most of the homes in the reservation do not have water and therefore are unable to wash their hands as often as needed.

These are not the only struggles some communities face in the public health space. Most communities face different hardships starting with language barriers, economical issues, to misinformed decision making.

A main concern that Thompson-Robinson believes is a huge issue is the reporting of public health. For example, during the pandemic, although there were many values provided in the data, the data values did not show specifically how many Blacks, Native Americans, Latinos, Pacific Islanders, and Asians were affected. There was an overall number that did not identify the issues that minorities in rural areas were experiencing.

The under-resourcing of communities has not come to an end. Blacks have faced many challenges and opted to focus on all minorities and their challenges with public health, due to how similar all issues are with healthcare.

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Events

This Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 14 I Graduate Soon...What Next? 2:00-3:00pm (Virtual)	February 15 Faculty Senate Meeting 12:00-2:00pm Student Union Rm 208 A/B	February 16 Entrepreneurship Bootcamp Session 3 12:00-1:00pm Frank and Estella Beam Hall Rm 205	February 17 REB Presents 80's Prom 8:00-11:00pm Student Union Ballroom 2nd Floor	February 18 Rebel Reset: Chair Massage 11:00am-1:00pm Student Union Meeting Rm 222 & 224

Monday: This is a virtual workshop created by the UNLV Center for Academic Enrichment and Outreach, in partnership with Career Services, to help students who are nearing graduation. Students can register for the link and reach out via caeocampusprograms@unlv.edu

Tuesday: This is part of the monthly faculty senate meeting and it is open to the public. Anyone interested should email faculty.senate@unlv.edu to register.

Wednesday: This is a workshop designed for students who are interested in learning basic concepts and techniques to develop their entrepreneurial skills. This is the final of three sessions for students who need to register online to RSVP their spot.

Thursday: Students can enjoy free food and beverage at this 80's themed prom. There will also be a DJ, a light-up dance floor and a mock-tail bar. Students are encouraged to wear 80's themed outfits, where the outfits will be judged for best dressed.

Friday: Students can come to the Student Union to sit in the massage chairs and take a debrief for the start of the semester. Students can reach out to rebelreset@unlv.edu for the registration link.

YOU @ UNLV app launches to support students

By Vanessa Booth
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A new adopted digital resource that aims at improving student success and well-being launched at the start of the semester through the app, 'YOU @ UNLV'.

"This was a platform I learned of as a visiting lecturer in 2014 and wanted to bring it to campus at that time," Assistant Dean for the School of Integrated Health Sciences, Sharon Jalene said. "It took a while but we finally got it done! Although I am now employed at UNLV, I was a three time graduate and always struggled to find the information I needed. As a student who worked full time, I could have used the additional tools that YOU @ UNLV offers as it was often a struggle to stay healthy and meet my goals."

YOU supports a variety of resources in a one user-friendly web interface with the goal of assisting students during their time at UNLV.

According to the YOU @ College website, the partnership pioneered a human-centered design process, inclusive of students and campus administrators in higher education. The human-centered design process led to the creation of the YOU platform to provide personalized and comprehensive care to every student from enrollment to graduation.

The School of Integrated Health Sciences is responsible for piloting the initiative to campus,

while the UNLV Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) funded the portal.

"We're proud of this partnership between CAPS and the School of Integrated Health Sciences," associate vice president of Student Wellness, Jamie Davidson said. "The YOU portal is another example of how CAPS continues to innovate and adapt its services to meet the needs of students."

The project implementation period for the portal ran over the course of several months. Jalene said that originally her desire to fund the YOU portal was not possible due to a limited budget.

Originally 'The Hub' had a similar user interface experience. The utilization of The Hub will continue alongside the use of YOU @ UNLV in the Division of Health Sciences in conjunction with the student-run podcast "UNLV Groundbreakers".

"Some students come to college knowing exactly how to thrive here," UNLV graduate student and YOU @ UNLV campus ambassador, Trey Curtis-Brown said. "But others need support. The YOU @ UNLV portal meets students where they are and grows with them over time."

The launch of the YOU portal is an extension of Curtis-Brown's personal and professional interests.

"My favorite thing about serving as the YOU ambassador is having the opportunity to deliver a resource to students while working alongside university faculty and staff," Curtis-Brown said. "I

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am hopeful for what the summer holds as the YOU team will work to introduce this to incoming students at future orientations."

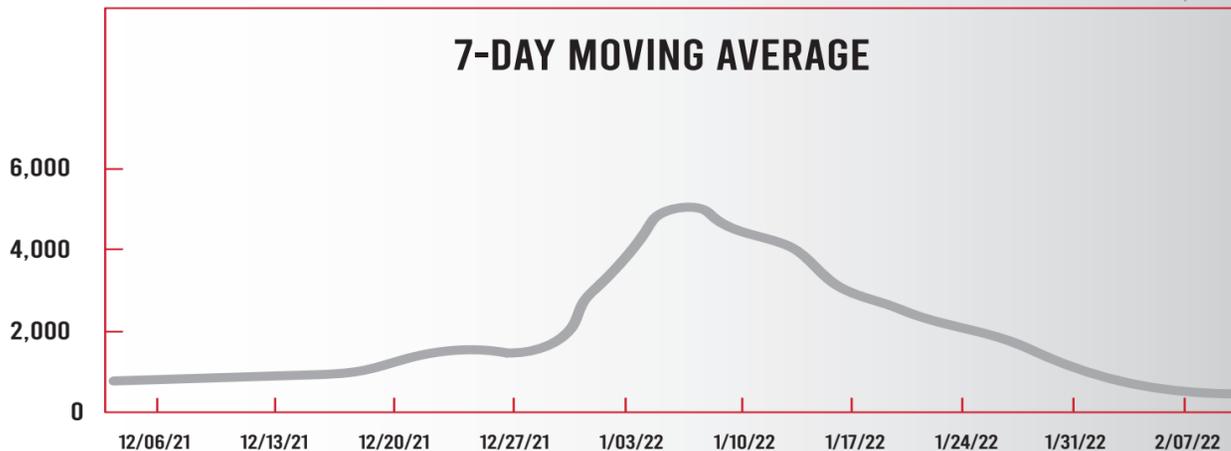
The app, YOU, originally developed through a unique public-private partnership between Grit Digital Health and Colorado

State University.

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COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

COVID-19 CASES IN CLARK COUNTY, NV



CASES PER DAY: **1,431**

JAN. 25: 1,827 CASES → FEB. 07: 396 CASES

HOSPITALIZATIONS PER DAY: **14**

JAN. 25: 23 → FEB. 07: 9

"MORE THAN 91% OF UNLV'S STUDENTS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED."

- UNLV PRESIDENT KEITH WHITFIELD & VP CHRIS HEAVEY

Mask Mandate:

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does not change people's abilities of wearing a mask and the public health recommendation that everyone should be wearing a mask.

When Sisolak was asked why Nevada is no longer following the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) directives, he responded.

"The CDC guidelines were put in place prior to delta and that was as related to the delta variant," Sisolak said. "Now we're dealing with the omicron variant which is more transmissible, much more contagious, but not as severe and doesn't require the same number of hospitalizations."

He continues to mention that his decision is based on the drop in positive cases, hospitalizations, and the wastewater testing. Sisolak

is hopeful for a continued downward trend. Labus provides extra reassurance.

"We're seeing less transmission in the community and we saw three or four weeks ago when the semester started," Labus said. "Things are trending in that direction according to basically every indicator that we have. So things are getting better. It doesn't mean things are good, but things are heading in the right direction."

Epidemiologists are looking at the percent positivity, the number of cases, the number of people being tested and all of them are decreasing over time, according to Labus. The current strain also seems to be less severe than previous strains.

Sisolak mentioned that the decision may be interpreted as too late or too soon for Nevadans.

"People are saying 'you did it too soon,' 'you did it too late.' I

get that everyone is entitled to an opinion. Everyone has an opinion," he said. "I have to make the decision, I can't let everyone make a decision individually until today."

The Nevada System of Higher Education released a statement that would no longer require higher education schools in Nevada to require the use of face masks.

The statement reads "NSHE employees, students, and members of the public are no longer required to wear face coverings while inside NSHE buildings irrespective of the COVID19 vaccination status effective immediately. This includes classrooms and workspaces."

UNLV followed the new initiative where UNLV President, Keith Whifield and Vice President and Provost, Chris Heavey assured students that the university would be following Sisolak's decision.

"More than 91% of UNLV's

students and 97% of our employees have been vaccinated," Whifield and Heavey said in an email to students. "Our vaccination rate is one of the main reasons why the COVID-19 virus has had less of an impact on the UNLV campuses than in the Las Vegas community at large."

"To the Nevadans and travelers that have done the right thing, gotten vaccinated, stayed diligent and protected each other for the last two years," Sisolak said. "From the bottom of my heart, thank you."

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UNLV Wastewater Collection program report sees fall in omicron, rise in BA.2 subvariant

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As Nevada's new daily COVID-19 case numbers continue to fall, UNLV's wastewater collection program headed by Dr. Edwin Oh recently released their most up to date analysis of COVID-19 levels in the city.

"All of the numbers have been trending in the right direction: down," Oh said. "And so we're really pleased that what we're seeing in the wastewater is something that we're also seeing show up in human infections."

This lines up with Nevada's current positive case numbers. As of Feb. 10, 2022, Nevada has 1,018 new daily confirmed cases, with 55 new probable cases, according to Nevada Health Response. This is a noticeable improvement from the peak of the omicron wave in Nevada, where on Jan. 15, 2022, the state had 5,561 new daily confirmed cases with 222 new probable cases.

Oh also noted that infections are still higher than him and his team would like them to be. However, he also said that some of these reported samples come from individuals that were analyzed one to two weeks ago.

Despite the current good news, Oh and his team found evidence that may still be cause for concern. This evidence is the concerning increase in Omicron's BA.2 subvariant in their wastewater

samples.

On Jan. 10, Oh and his team found a small presence of BA.2 in their collected samples, but in the following two weeks it seemed to disappear. Oh said that this first sighting and its quick disappearance showed that the spike at the time wasn't sustainable, and even limited to one or two people in the sample. However, a more recent spike in BA.2 detected on Jan. 31 resembled the first days of Omicron in early December.

"We want to be sure that this does not explode," Oh said. "Because if it does, then it means that in two or three weeks, we're going to see a large number of individuals with BA.2 infections or 'Stealth Omicron.'"

Oh said that the current numbers suggest that five to ten percent of individuals in Las Vegas who have COVID-19, have the BA.2 subvariant.

When looking at what the future may look like, Oh said that the data may already be there.

"I feel like it's best to use data to guide us," Oh said. "And the data that we've seen from Denmark has been that ba dot two completely took over Omicron."

According to the Statens Serum Institut, a Danish research institute specializing in fighting and preventing infectious disease, as of Jan. 20, BA.2 had more than doubled in presence among COVID-19 cases in Denmark. The subvariant rose from making



Hayley Baker and Makeda Asare work with vials in the UNLV wastewater lab of the SEB building. Photo by Jimmy Romo.

up 20% of cases in the final week to 2021, to 45% of cases on Jan. 20, 2022.

Though many people seem to have gained immunity from the last wave of Omicron, Oh still warns that we should be wary of COVID-19.

"We'd like to think that with the immunity that many of us have gained from the recent infections that even if BA.2 is within our communities, a lot of us are going to be immune to it," Oh said. "But the bottom line is we just don't know. That's the reason why this thing, this virus, has kept us on our feet for so long."

"Every time I think most of us want to sit down and say,

'Okay, we understand this beast.' Something happens, some mutation occurs, in the virus and we learned something new."

Going forward, Oh and his team have expanded their research to include stormwater, as well as wastewater. This expansion would allow the team to test for cases and variants within both the homeless population and possibly local wildlife.

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Building Relationships leads to success

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The roads that lead to success are limitless, which means that success can be attained in a multitude of ways. One of those avenues is through the cultivation of relationships.

Relationships, which necessitate interaction and communication, form the bedrock of human existence. Without them, it is likely that individuals may struggle to overcome the many problems and barriers that they face on a daily basis as discomfort or agony decreases when shared with others.

Building relationships offers advantages in every aspect and field of life. For instance, in the workplace, relationships boost employee morale, resulting in increased productivity and happier employees, both of which benefit the firm or institution being worked for.

In a school setting, establishing relationships enhances students' interactions with their peers and teachers, which not only contributes to the growth of their knowledge, but also allows them to remain mentally healthy.

Mallory Morast, a 37-year-old nontraditional student at UNLV,



describes how asking for help and engaging with others helped her overcome her fear of failing math.

She was told by her advisor that she had to take college algebra (Math 124), an important prerequisite, in order to enroll in classes in the spring of 2021. This meant that she had to pass the placement test and the course over the summer.

Fortunately, through the Math Bridge program's five-week online course and the support she received from her professor and advisor, Morast was able to obtain her target grade and came out of the course feeling more confident in her math skills and herself.

In a video released by the UNLV News Center, she said, "In Math 124, I was able to get an A. It was so great; it felt like such an accomplishment. I felt like I had so much help in order to pass it and to get into it."

Morast's story is a wonderful illustration of how developing relationships can help people gain confidence, excel at anything they do and alleviate any harmful feelings like anxiety and stress.

To add onto this, in an interview published by the UNLV News Center, Jeffrey M. Orgera, associate vice provost for student success within the office of the vice provost for undergradu-

ate education, stated, "Student success is really about helping students build relationships with fellow students, with staff like advisors, and with their faculty members, and the more relationships they have, the more likely they are going to feel comfortable enough turning to one of those people when they're at crossroads."

Essentially, creating and maintaining relationships provides emotional support mechanisms for students, allowing them to continue to pursue their goals with the help of their peers, advisors and professors rather than dropping out and taking breaks from school.

Relationships enable people to be psychologically and physically stronger since they are interrelated and rely on one another. As a result, anytime a person feels trapped or stuck at any stage of life, they can turn to their relationships to find solace and solutions to their problems, no matter how big or small they are.

All we have to do is ask.

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UNLV reimagined: The Maryland Parkway Campus Master Plan

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The UNLV campus is vast, spanning over 350 acres and 136 buildings. With the number of students attending and upcoming graduates, UNLV is planning to expand even further.

On Dec. 3, 2021, the Board of Regents approved the new Maryland Parkway Campus Master Plan. According to the official UNLV website news page, "The plan outlines short-term (3-5 years), mid-term (5-10 years), and long-term (10+ years) goals for the campus' physical improvements and development, including buildings, open spaces, signage, pathways and more."

The new campus plan promises both physical and structural updates to UNLV's campus. The ultimate goal is to organize colleges into seven "neighborhoods" with the intention of creating a better student experience.

The seven "neighborhoods" are planned as follows: University Core, Tropicana District, Harmon District, Cottage Grove District, University District, Thomas and Mack District and Flamingo District. Each district focuses on an area of education, the University District even intends to include a brand new business school, a new fine arts building and a museum.

UNLV dorm resident, Zoe Garcia, a sophomore Biology

major, hopes to attend medical school here after her graduation in the Spring of 2024. After discovering the news of the plan, Garcia's face lit up at the possibility of attending medical school in a brand new building.

"It sounds amazing and it will definitely attract more students from all over the world," Garcia said about her belief about what the campus renovations could bring.

She continued to say that the renovation would not only bring more positive publicity to our campus, but more attention to all the areas of education we offer.

"I think right now UNLV is mostly known for the hospitality management program, but if

we were to expand our campus the way it's planned to, it would bring others' attention to all the other majors we have," Garcia said.

Garcia is elated at the prospect of a bigger and better campus. The diversity of our student body will be matched by our brand new campus. Overall, the new master plan is ambitious, but if executed accordingly, has the potential to elevate UNLV into one of the nicest college campuses across the country.

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Students should be more cautious on Las Vegas radways



The I-15 heading South bound underneath Tropicana Ave. Photo by Jimmy Romo

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the driving experience. The lack of attention and vigilance on roadways have led to a shockingly sharp increase in car crashes and traffic-related incidents.

According to a 2016 report compiled by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), a total of 2,325 injuries have been reported on the Interstate-15, making it the focal point of traffic-related injuries in the Las Vegas valley. The influx of people moving to Las Vegas and the limited capacity of space in the city has created a congestion problem ripe for car crashes.

Although a rapid influx of people moving to Las Vegas has certainly contributed to car accidents in Las Vegas, it is usually prefaced by Las Vegas's predominant source of accident-related death or injury: speeding.

According to the Office of Traffic Safety, speeding is listed as the leading cause of car crashes in Nevada. Typically, speeding is induced in accordance with substance use.

In fact, the Nevada Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) found that from 2017-2018, on average, 55.23% of all fatal car crashes involved some substance use and of non-fatal car crashes, 54.51% were caused by substance abuse. With this notice-

able trend identified, as substance use continues to grow within Las Vegas, the proportional rate of car crashes will continue to compound at a stable rate.

With such a predicament, students, or drivers in general, should exercise the highest level of caution when driving around Las Vegas, especially on the interstate. Always keep a safe distance away from the car in front of you and make sure that you can always see their bumper. Before leaving your residence, ensure that your tail lights and blinkers are in functional condition.

Additionally, always keep your eyes on the road. The text you just got or that email you just

received can wait. Communicate with other drivers in the form of the horn or the blinkers to inform them of your intentions. Make sure to always signal for at least five seconds before merging into the desired lane.

As accident rates continue to grow in Las Vegas, it is absolutely imperative to always stay attentive of one's surroundings and invest one's whole attention to the road.

By ensuring the proper procedures for operating your vehicle, we as a city can ensure the highest level of safety, not only for ourselves but for everyone.

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Runnin' Rebels run away from Air Force in 78-44 victory

By Jordan Anders-McClain
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The Runnin' Rebels dominated Air Force in the biggest margin of victory in Conference play this season for UNLV with a 78-44 win over the Falcons.

A combination of holding the Falcons to only six made field goals in the second half and shooting a season-high 57.9% from behind the arc were the keys to success.

"I think defense is going to be our anchor," Royce Hamm Jr said. "If we really lock in on defense throughout the course of the season, going into the conference tournament it will really help us."

Hamm Jr played a big part in the win, offensively and defensively, racking up his sixth double-double of the season with 12 points and 16 rebounds. His 16 rebounds were the most rebounds in a single-game this season in the Mountain West.

Although the Rebels would ultimately run away with the score, it was a slow start for them, as Air Force jumped to an 0-4 lead before Bryce Hamilton knocked down the first triple of the game.

The Falcons would lead the majority of the first half by as much as six before an 8-0 run by the Rebels which included back-to-back made three-pointers by Justin Webster and Josh Baker which would give UNLV the 19-17 lead.

After taking the lead, UNLV gained momentum ending the first half on a 15-2 run to create a 14-point lead at half. The Rebels shot 52.4% from the field and

60% from three in the first half while holding Air Force to 36.4% shooting from the field and 23.1% from behind the arc.

Defense shined in the second half from start to finish as the Rebels held the Falcons to 6-of-24 shooting from the field and 3-of-12 shooting from behind the arc. UNLV's shooting stayed hot as they went on a 13-0 run midway through the second to stretch the lead to 34.

The Rebels reached a 34-point lead with just over seven minutes left in the game and were able to hold it throughout the rest of the game, ending with a 78-44 victory.

"Proud of the guys," head coach Kevin Kruger said. "As you probably saw, we had some lineups out there that we haven't used much, but the guys keep adjusting and playing off each other. We had two days of prep and the intent was great."

Final Stats

With the win, the Runnin' Rebels gained their 10th victory in the Thomas & Mack this season, improving to 10-3 at home. UNLV has now won 12 straight against Air Force at home, improving the all-time series record against them to 44-15.

UNLV is now 9-0 this season when limiting its opponents to 59 points or fewer. The Rebels held the Falcons to just 30.4% shooting from the field and 24.0% shooting from three.

The Rebels held Air Force to just 0.77 points per possession, which made for their second best defensive effort this season.



David Muoka making a layup over an Air Force defender. Muoka scored 12 points in UNLV's 78-44 victory over the Falcons. Photo by Jordan Anders-McClain.

Hamilton led all scorers with 24 points; he has now finished in double figures in 18 straight games and has scored at least 20 points in six of the last seven games.

Jordan McCabe finished with 10 assists, his second game this season with double figure assists. The Rebels recorded 20 assists on 26 made field goals and out-rebounded the Falcons 40-18.

Up Next

The Runnin' Rebels will hit the road to face Boise State, the number one team in the Mountain West, on Feb. 11 at 8 p.m.

UNLV will then travel to face Fresno State on Feb. 16 before hosting Colorado State at the Mack on Feb. 19 for Robert Smith's jersey retirement. Tip-off is set for 5 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at unlvtickets.com

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Lady Rebels extend win-streak against SDSU

By Christopher Clark
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The UNLV Lady Rebels picked up a hard-fought victory over the San Diego State Aztecs 76-67 for their tenth straight win.

"Our city, our university has needed this for a long time," head coach Lindy La Rocque said. "It's not just me—it takes a village, great players, great staff."

Essence Booker starred for the Lady Rebels, scoring 23 points. Nneka Obiazor came up huge off the bench to add 15 points, while Desi-Rae Young scored 14 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

With the Aztecs stealing the spotlight in the second quarter of the game, Justice Ethridge swung

the momentum back towards the Lady Rebels after she knocked down a three-pointer to make the score 22-20.

The third quarter began with several missed shots and turnovers for both teams. The Aztecs heated up to go on a 14-7 run to lead the game 45-44. Kiara Edwards and Mallory Adams scored 10 of those 14 points for the Aztecs.

Obiazor got the crowd on their feet after scoring a layup and a jump shot to put the Lady Rebels back in the lead 48-45.

Booker went into attack mode as the Aztecs remained in the game. Booker drove to the basket twice scoring two layups in the final minute as the Lady Rebels ended the third quarter up 55-49.

It looked like the Lady Rebels

would finish off the Aztecs at the start of the fourth quarter as they increased their lead to 10 points.

The Aztecs went on a 9-2 run though to keep the score close at 61-58 to the Lady Rebels. Booker shifted the momentum back to the Lady Rebels as she hit a huge three to increase the lead to 64-58.

Alyssa Durazo-Frescas scored five of her eight points in the final five minutes.

Durazo-Frescas hit a massive three-pointer to put the Lady Rebels up 70-60 and essentially kill the game off.

The Aztecs implemented a full-court press in the fourth quarter of the game, but the Lady Rebels held on for a final score of 76-67.

Up Next

The Lady Rebels now have two home games coming up this week. First, they take on the Fresno State Bulldogs on Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. followed up by the San Jose State Spartans on Feb. 19 at 1 p.m.

For a more in depth look at the game, check out the full article on our website!

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UNLV Softball dominates Rebel Kickoff Tournament

By **Hector Salomon**
Staff Writer

UNLV softball dominated the weekend during the Rebel Kick-off tournament, going 5-0 and remaining undefeated to start its 2022 season.

Vs **BYU**, Feb. 10

The Rebels overcame a one-run deficit in the fourth inning and held on to win their season opener 5-3 against a tough BYU side.

“We opened with a really tough team,” Fox said. “For us to get behind early, and stay calm and composed, and be able to fight our way out of it- I was really proud and impressed with how they played.”

With one out and two runners on in the top of the fourth, Mia Trejo dug her cleats into the batter’s box.

Mia Trejo launched a three-run home run to left-center deep into the night, and the Rebels would not look back from there.

Three batters later, Alyssa Trejo roped a single through the left side, Janyssa Martin scorched a line drive to the opposite field, sent screaming over the right-field fence for a two-run homer that would prove to be the decisive blow of the game.

On the rubber for the Rebels was ace Jenny Bressler, picking up her first victory of the young campaign.

“Definitely some first inning jitters. Getting out to the field again, amped up and excited to play, I just had to calm myself down and settle in after that,” Bressler said. “It feels amazing to get the first win of the season. It’s something we’ve waited months for. We’ve been preparing for this for so long.”

Vs **CSU Bakersfield**, Feb. 11

The Rebels secured an 8-0 victory over CSU Bakersfield after four-and-a-half innings due to the NCAA’s mercy run rule.

The pitching tandem of Thiede and Jolin controlled the game from start to finish, retiring a combined 15-of-21 batters faced.

UNLV showed tremendous discipline at the plate, earning eight free passes as a team, two of which came with the bases loaded and scored the first two runs of the game.

Visser broke the game open for the Rebels in the third inning when she entered the box with the bases loaded and lined a single into right field, driving in a pair of runs.

Martin sealed the deal for the

Rebels with a three-run home run in the bottom of the fourth inning, her second homer in as many days. She’s driven in a team-high five RBI in the season’s first two matchups.

“I’m just glad I can help my team out,” Martin said. “Everybody’s hitting great so far, it’s not just me. I’m really appreciative of the people that are on this field playing with me.”

Vs **Hawaii**, Feb. 11

UNLV softball started the season on a three-game winning streak after a late win against Hawaii by a final score of 5-3.

The Rebels led 3-0 heading into the top of the sixth, when Hawaii manufactured a rally to tie the game at 3-3.

UNLV immediately answered with two runs of their own in the bottom of the sixth and would go on to close the game.

Schmidt got the offense rolling for the Rebels in the third with a one-out single through the opposite side. She quickly swiped second base on the next pitch, and then advanced to third on a throwing error by the Hawaii catcher. Visser finished the job with a sacrifice fly to right field, driving Schmidt in.

Morales stretched the lead to three with blazing speed on a bases-loaded, two-out RBI infield single that plated Alyssa Trejo.

Bressler’s brilliant performance from the pitcher’s circle carried a seven-strikeout, no-hit bid into the sixth inning. Hawaii opened the sixth frame with a pair of seeing-eye singles that were followed by a run-scoring hit from the final batter Bressler faced.

“We definitely wanted to complete the no-hitter going into the sixth,” Bressler said. “But it’s something I try not to focus on.”

With the game tied at three runs apiece, Mia Trejo got the go-ahead RBI with the bat resting on her right shoulder when she wisely worked a walk with the bases loaded. Alyssa Trejo followed by driving a sacrifice fly to right field, scoring Schmidt to give the Rebels an insurance run and a 5-3 lead.

“I like the way our team is coming out and competing,” Fox said. “If something happens, they’re settling down and not making any moment bigger than it is. We’re shutting down innings [on defense] before they get too big, we’re having good at-bats, and we did enough to get the win.”

Vs **CSU Bakersfield**, Feb. 12

UNLV cruised to its fourth

Rebel Kick-off Results

OVERALL: 5-0

UNLV

VS **BYU** ————— W, 5-3

VS **CSU BAKERSFIELD** — W, 8-0

VS **HAWAII** ————— W, 5-3

VS **CSU BAKERSFIELD** — W, 9-3

VS **HAWAII** ————— W, 12-11

straight win to open the year with a 9-3 victory over CSU Bakersfield in their second meeting of the Rebel Kickoff Tournament.

After a scoreless top of the first, the lineup wasted no time in getting an early lead.

Schmidt and Visser led off the inning with a pair of singles, and Alyssa Trejo would drive them both home on a bases-clearing triple.

Next batter, Armendariz, unloaded on a pitch early in the count and drove a two-run home run to deep left field, her first round-tripper of the season. After just five batters, UNLV led 4-0, and that’s all the run support the pitching staff would need.

Visser and Alyssa Trejo each homered in the fourth inning, the first for each of them on the year, to stretch the Rebel to 9-0.

“They’re getting more at-bats under their belt, they’re a little bit more confident,” Fox said. “The first day [of the tournament] they’re trying to see what their pitchers are going to do.”

Vs **Hawaii**, Feb. 12

The Rebels stormed back from a five-run deficit in their final at-bat and went on to defeat the Hawaii Wahine in eight innings by a final score of 12-11.

In the top of the sixth with the Rebels holding to a one-run lead, when Hawaii’s Dallas Millwood homered with a runner on-base to

give the Wahine a one-run lead of their own.

Hawaii rallied to score five runs in the top of the seventh, seemingly putting the game out the reach for the Rebels.

“This is something that has been built since I took over the program,” Fox said. “If you [look back] over the last four years, this team never quits. This is the first time they were truly tested this year; their character in those moments was tested.”

After the first three batters of the bottom of the seventh, UNLV trailed 10-5 with a runner on third and two outs.

But the Rebels were able to build momentum in the inning and tie the game to head into the eighth inning of the night. During the inning, UNLV managed to secure the win and remain undefeated.

Up Next

The Rebels will retake the field Feb. 18 at 3 p.m., with a doubleheader against Weber State and UM- Kansas City to open the UNLV Desert Classic tournament.

For more in depth game recaps, check out our website!

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The Sharman Brothers: From UNLV batboys to players

By **Jordan Anders-McClain**
Photography Editor

Growing up in Las Vegas, Jason “Jay” and Josh Sharman found a passion for baseball at an early age, by getting involved with the only Division I baseball program in the city.

The brothers started as batboys for the UNLV baseball team as kids, and from there, they would begin working their way up to playing for that same team.

“We grew up here watching all these games,” Josh said. “We were actually batboys together for one weekend. We got to go to the clubhouse and really came to love it. That was our dream to come here and play here, especially together.”

“There were brothers before, the Armstrongs, and they were batboys when they were here. They kinda took us under their wing, they saw two brothers, one older than the other, they had the same thing. So they took us under their wing and helped us out, they were actually the ones to help recruit us here.”

After experiencing a weekend as batboys, the brothers began playing the sport here in Vegas. Even though one is older than the other, it never seemed to be a problem.

“We started around seven or eight [years old],” Jay said. “We didn’t play tee-ball, I think we just started...”

“...in coach pitch,” Josh said. “I would always play up a grade to be on his team. It was a challenge for me, but it made me better.”

Josh, the sophomore pitcher, is a year younger than his brother Jay, a junior outfielder. Jay arrived at UNLV first, signing in 2018, then Josh would join him a year later.

“When we started, he was actually the hitter,” Jay said. “I was more of a pitcher and his nickname used to be ‘Bomber’ because he would always hit home runs and I never really hit home runs. Then in high school, we kinda just flip-flopped.”

Back when they were teammates on varsity baseball at Desert Oasis High School, Josh and Jay led their team to back-to-back trips to the 2017 and 2018 NIAA 4A Sunset Region Tournament, with a semifinal showing in 2017.

Each made a name for themselves, Josh lettered all four years in baseball and helped the team to a 105-30 record in his four seasons there. As a senior, Josh went 12-0 on the mound, only the second 4A pitcher in state history to go 12-0 in a season.



Josh Sharman on the mound pitching during a scrimmage against Arizona on Oct. 30, 2021. Photo by Jordan Anders-McClain.

Jay, in his three seasons on varsity, helped the team to a 70-31 record. As a senior, he earned Second Team All-State and First Team All-Sunset Region after hitting .363 with six doubles, five triples and three home runs, 41 runs, and 31 RBI.

Jay was also valedictorian for his school and helped Desert Oasis to a runner-up finish in the 2018 American Legion World Series in North Carolina after winning the Region 8 Tournament and Nevada State Tournament.

While each brother was having a successful varsity baseball career, separately and together as a team, they were also a doubles team on varsity tennis. Josh having been on varsity tennis all four years while Jay was on varsity his last two.

“We were Nighthawk and Dragon,” Jay said. “Those were our nicknames.”

“From ‘Step Brothers,’” Josh added. “We had headbands, I was Nighthawk and he was Dragon, we wrote that on our headbands.”

Having played together for so long, in two different sports, Josh and Jay are sure to know each other’s strengths and weaknesses when it comes to each other’s own game. After being asked the best part about playing together, each brother stated:

“When I’m pitching and just knowing he’s there...” Josh said. “Having that confidence with him behind me is huge.”

“Just being able to see each

other and know,” Jay said. “Since we’ve been playing together for so long, I’ll see one thing when he’s pitching and I’m like, ‘you’re not doing this like you normally do.’ It’s just really easy to help each other because we’ve seen each other play so much.”

“For sure,” Josh added. “We’re like each other’s player-coaches.”

Although they seem to see eye-to-eye when playing together, they have completely different teams in the MLB that they root for, Jay is a Colorado Rockies fan while Josh is a Washington Nationals fan.

Spring training is right around the corner for the Major Leagues, which means college baseball season is here.

Catch Jay and Josh Sharman and the rest of the UNLV baseball team on opening night where they will take on the Spartans of Michigan State, first pitch is set for 6:05 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18. UNLV students get free admission to the games and all other tickets can be purchased at the gate.

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Jason “Jay” Sharman smiling for the camera during the Rebels scrimmage against Arizona on Oct. 30, 2021. Photo by Jordan Anders-McClain.

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Rebels Baseball

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L	BATS
L	THROWS

REBEL HOCKEY UNLV splits series against Arizona State after a hard-fought battle



By Kayla Faasse
Sports Editor

The Skatin' Rebels split their weekend road series 1-1 against the Arizona State Sun Devils in the team's second series of the season.

UNLV came back to win on Feb. 12 after falling the night prior in what was its last road trip of the regular season.

Game One, Feb. 11

Rebel Hockey entered the Oceanside Ice Arena with the hopes of winning their third straight game against the Sun Devils, but their dreams were shattered by Arizona State stealing a shootout victory 4-3.

The game started with minimum energy from both teams, but UNLV managed to hold possession of the puck for the majority of the first period, outshooting ASU 14-5.

Ezekiel Estrada was first up on the scoreboard 15:26 into the first period, with assists coming from Jack Kennedy and Jayson Dimizio for a 1-0 lead.

Two minutes later, Angelos Tsalafos knocked the puck behind Sun Devil goaltender Dawson Rodin to extend the lead 2-0. Sean Plonski and Brenden Fehlig assisted Tsalafos in the goal as the team entered the first intermission.

It didn't take much for ASU to come out with more

power compared to the first 20 minutes, scoring fairly early at the 6:22 mark to break the Rebel lead in half, 2-1 to start the second period.

The Sun Devil's second lead scorer, Damon Porter managed to sneak the puck past goaltender Zach Wickson with assists coming from Connor Tilmon and Ryan Edgar.

The Sun Devils kept up the momentum, forcing the Rebels to chase after the puck and search for opportunities.

With six minutes left in the period, a delay of game was called against Wickson after he covered the puck with his glove behind the net while it was not on the crease line. Estrada served the two minute penalty, giving ASU the power-play it needed.

The Sun Devils took advantage of the extra man on ice, scoring a minute into the power-play. Connor Kruk knocked the puck into the net, assisted by Brendan Studioso and Clayton Lackey for a tied game of 2-2.

With a final push for more momentum for the Rebels, team captain Jared Erickson scored a goal of his own to give UNLV the lead once again, with assists coming from Brendan Manning and Jake Berry.

UNLV continued to outshoot ASU 12-11 in the second period, entering the third with a 3-2 lead.

Despite a hard fought battle, Sun Devil Elliot Plourde managed to shoot the puck into



Skatin' Rebels
UNLV .VS. ASU

SCORING		1	2	3	OT	SO	T
GAME 1	UNLV	2	1	0	0	0	3
	ASU	0	2	1	0	1	4
GAME 2	UNLV	2	0	2	-	-	4
	ASU	2	0	1	-	-	3

the back of the net, assisted by Studioso and Lackey to tie the game once again, 3-3.

The two teams entered overtime for the first time during their matchups this year.

During the 3-on-3 overtime, neither team was able to send the puck into the net after the five minutes ended sending the team into a shootout. This would be UNLV's first shootout of the season.

The Rebels went 0-5 for their shootout lineup, while the Sun Devils went 1-4.

Ryan Edgar took the victory against UNLV in round five of the shootout to give ASU a 4-3 upset win.

Overall, Wickson made 36 saves out of 40 shots against. Rodin made 45 total saves out of 42 shots against.

Game Two, Feb. 12

The Skatin' Rebels returned to the ice with more energy to split the series with a 4-3 victory against the Sun Devils.

Arizona State was quick to jump on the scoreboard, scoring less than two minutes into the start of the game. Lackey sent the puck behind Wickson with assists by Jaren Debolt and Studioso.

It took some time for the Rebels to get their footing as they started putting the pressure on the Sun Devils.

Paxton Malone managed to score at 13:11, assisted by Manning and Erickson to tie the game at 1-1.

A minute later, Porter was sent to the penalty box for two minutes for cross-checking and unsportsmanlike conduct, putting the Rebels on a power-play.

Muzzillo scored his fourth power-play goal of the year to put UNLV in the lead. The goal was assisted by Malone and Nick Flanders.

The period ended with Porter scoring to tie the game once again for a 2-2 score as they entered intermission.

The second period proved

to be uneventful with neither goalie allowing any goals. UNLV continued to outshoot ASU 12-7 during the period.

The intensity grew on the ice as both teams struggled to break the tie.

Lackey was sent to the penalty box less than a minute into the third period with two minutes for holding, putting the Rebels on another power-play.

With the extra man advantage, Bradley Golant scored to give the Rebels the lead assisted by Alec Johnson and Muzzillo.

About a minute later, Estrada secured UNLV's victory with a goal of his own. This time assisted by Dimizio and Wyatt for an updated score of 4-2.

ASU was quick to return the favor and score the final goal of the night. Zachary Kowalchuk knocked the puck behind Wickson, assisted by Conor Dineen and Wyatt Palmer for the final score of 4-3 in the Rebels favor.

Despite a hard fought battle for the rest of the game, the Sun Devils were unable to tie, losing on their home ice to the Skatin' Rebels.

Overall, UNLV outshot ASU 41-30 throughout the game.

This was the second series in a row that the Rebels fell short during the first game to split the series.

Three Stars of the Night

Golant was awarded the first star of the night, Plonski was second star, and third star was given to Malone.

Up Next

After a month of traveling on the road, UNLV will take on Grand Canyon at City National Arena on Feb. 18 and 19 with a 7:30 p.m. puck drop for both games.

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Shootout Lineups



UNLV

PLAYER	GOAL?
COLE WYATT	X
BRENDEN FEHLIG	X
ALEC JOHNSON	X
EZEKIEL ESTRADA	X
JAYSON DIMIZIO	X

ASU

PLAYER	GOAL?
ELLIOT PLOURDE	X
CLAYTON LACKEY	X
BRENDAN STUDIOSO	X
CONNER TILMON	X
RYAN EDGAR	✓

A deeper look into Skatin' Rebel Hunter Muzzillo's game day

By Kayla Faasse
Sports Editor

During his freshman year of high school, Hunter Muzzillo began his ever evolving game day routine with repetitive behavior in hopes of the consistency transferring into his performance on the ice.

"Growing up I struggled being a consistent hockey player," Muzzillo said. "So I just learned from me, what works is repetitive behavior throughout the entire course of the day is what it turned into. It started out with trying to create a consistent game of hockey."

For the Rebel Hockey defenseman, his morning begins at 8:30 a.m. when he wakes up and immediately heads out the door.

Muzzillo will make a quick stop at Starbucks and order his usual venti vanilla sweet cream cold brew as he heads down to City National Arena while listening to his playlists on the way.

"I'm the kind of guy who likes to play a song on repeat until I never want to hear it again," Muzzillo said. "I get to do that, play my music ridiculously loud just kind of be by myself and I just enjoy driving so it's nice to get that time by myself to kind of just do whatever I want."

Once he arrives at the arena, he'll take a quick shower before checking out his stall to make sure everything is ready to go for the day. He will sharpen his skates if needed and prepare for the upcoming game.

"I'm usually at the rink for a while," Muzzillo said. "I'll time it out till seven hours before puck drop. I get to Chipotle and walk in and go get that. Puck drop is usually at 7:30 so I have to be there at 12:30. Get that, go home, eat, take a nap for however long that works."

His go-to order from Chipotle is a veggie bowl topped with white rice, black and pinto beans, pico de gallo, sour cream, cheese, guac and an extra tortilla.

Before every game, Muzzillo

gets to the rink two-and-a-half hours prior to puck-drop, usually around 5 p.m. so he'll wake up from his nap around 3 p.m. to start getting ready to leave and be out the door by 4:15 p.m. the latest.

The team hits the ice 30 minutes before the puck drops for warm-ups, giving Muzzillo almost two hours of free-time at the rink before he starts getting dressed for the game.

"I start getting dressed exactly 25 minutes before I get on the ice... I'm always watching my phone to make sure I watch the time change to 25 minutes so I know that it is exact. I'll put my bottom half on and then I'll do the same thing again but at the 10 minute mark to put my top half on. Then I'll head out the door to start getting ready to be on the ice at about three minutes before we get on."

Out of Muzzillo's strict game day routine, he's most flexible with the music.

"I'm a massive country music fan- that's what I listen to 99% of the time but on game days I don't really listen to that," Muzzillo said.

In the locker room before the game, forward Nick Flanders becomes the team's DJ playing multiple playlists and a lot of Nickleback to get everyone going for the game.

During warm-ups, Muzzillo takes charge on the ice and keeps everyone on schedule.

"I'm kind of the time keeper of the whole deal so we do the same thing every time and sometimes some things take longer sometimes somethings don't," Muzzillo explained. "I just try to make sure they're around schedule to get to everything that we need to... I like to get a feel for the puck- how do my hands feel, how do I feel in my skates."

Muzzillo is usually the first one off the ice, skating off at the one minute mark for his final preparation in the locker room before the game starts. Every other exit off the ice, for intermissions etc, he's the last one off



Hunter Muzzillo (26) patiently waits for the puck during the opening game of the 2021-22 season against Illinois on Oct. 1, 2021. Photo by Kayla Faasse

the ice.

"I view myself going into the game... and then I'll spend a little bit of the time stickhandling and doing things like that trying to get warmed up. There's a bunch of different things that run through my head, like who's the little kid in the crowd- you know things like that."

Despite having a strict routine, it shifts during the road games as Muzzillo follows the schedule of the team. He'll try to keep it as repetitive and close to his routine as possible, but that's not always the case.

"It's a team sport and I'm not gonna force my way into doing something that I need to do if it disrupts what's going on with the team throughout the day," Muzzillo said. "It's just a feeling thing. I mean a lot of times we eat stuff other than Chipotle so I'll eat that."

"I just kind of follow along with the team schedule whatever is asked of us but so basically everything outside the rink changes except the nap and then when I get to the rink everything stays the same at the rink."

While Muzzillo is one of the guys on the team with the strict-

est game day routine, a lot of the players like to keep it loose but it's all about consistency for #26.

So far this season, Muzzillo has scored eight goals and 14 assists for a total of 22 points. Along with four power-play goals and one game-winning goal.

Make sure to come out this weekend to witness Hunter Muzzillo play on the ice with the rest of the Skatin' Rebels as they take on Grand Canyon for their first home game in a month. Puck drop is at 7:30 p.m. at City National Arena.

Students receive free tickets at the door with their RebelCard and a free tailgate starting an hour before the game.

"It's all about creating consistency and I wouldn't still be doing it if I didn't feel like I didn't find success in it so I feel like it has done its job in creating a more consistent environment which has led to a more consistent game play for me," Muzzillo said.

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HUNTER

Muzzillo

#26

STATS

GAMES PLAYED	27
GOALS	8
ASSISTS	14
POINTS	22
POWER-PLAY GOALS	4
GAME WINNING GOALS	1

Rebel Recaps



Track & Field at Texas Tech 2/11-12

By Alex Wright
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UNLV's track & field team came out of the Texas Tech Shootout with four top-20 finishes.

Sophomore distance runner Lexy Osterkamp recorded a personal best time of 11:09.84 in the 3000m, coming home in ninth place. Freshman Alexis Arroyo finished in 14th in the event.

Senior Alia Scott finished in eighth place in the women's 200m B section race. Freshman sprinter Aja Melo-Powell had a personal best time of 26.10 in the event.

In the 4x400 relay, Scott, Emma Wahlenmaier, Taylor Shorter, and Elisa Rovere finished in 11th with a time of

3:49.40.

On the first day of the event, UNLV came home with three top-10 finishes. Wahlenmaier led the Rebels with a second place finish in the 800m, coming 0.16 seconds behind first place.

Rovere finished in fifth place in the 800m. And Cassidy Osborne-Butler came home in fourth place in the weight throw with a personal best of 65-04.00 (19.91m)

UNLV will compete in the NAU Tune Up on Feb. 18. This will be its last competition before the 2022 Mountain West Indoor Championships Feb. 24-26 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Men's Tennis at Oklahoma State 2/11

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UNLV men's tennis suffered its first defeat of the season after falling to Oklahoma State 4-1 Saturday afternoon.

The Rebels picked up their only point from the 48th-ranked Christopher Bulus, who defeated Alex Garcia 6-2, 6-4.

On Sunday, the Rebels were swept by the Cowboys on the weekend after a 4-2 loss. UNLV suffered defeats in three singles matches and two doubles matches that ended the game with Oklahoma State taking the victory.

The Rebels got their two wins from singles players Bulus and Jack Hambrook. Bulus overcame a first set loss to take the final two sets (2-6, 6-4, 6-2). Ham-

brook defeated Sammr Raina in two sets (6-4, 7-5).

UNLV was without its second leading singles player Jordan Sauer. The Rebels are now 4-2 on the season.

UNLV men's tennis travels to Tucson, AZ to face the Arizona Wildcats on Feb. 19 at 1 p.m.

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SPORTS THIS WEEK



FEB 13 <i>Sunday</i>	FEB 14 <i>Monday</i>	FEB 15 <i>Tuesday</i>	FEB 16 <i>Wednesday</i>	FEB 17 <i>Thursday</i>	FEB 18 <i>Friday</i>	WTRACK at Northern Arizona University Flagstaff, AZ All Day	FEB 19 <i>Saturday</i>	WBB vs San Jose State Thomas & Mack Center 1:00 pm PT
MTEN at Oklahoma State Stillwater, OK 1:00 pm PT	WGOLF vs The Show Las Vegas, NV	WGOLF vs The Show Las Vegas, NV	SWIM vs Mountain West Championships College Station, TX All Day	SWIM vs Mountain West Championships College Station, TX All Day	SWIM vs Mountain West Championships College Station, TX All Day	WTEN vs North Dakota Las Vegas 10:00 am PT	SWIM vs Mountain West Championships College Station, TX All Day	SB vs Weber State Las Vegas 3:00 pm PT
			WBB vs Fresno State Cox Pavilion 6:30 pm PT	MGOLF vs Wailua Golf Course (Host: Hawaii) Lihue Kauai, Hawaii	MGOLF vs Wailua Golf Course (Host: Hawaii) Lihue Kauai, Hawaii	SB vs Weber State Las Vegas 3:00 pm PT	MGOLF vs Wailua Golf Course (Host: Hawaii) Lihue Kauai, Hawaii	SB vs Utah Valley Las Vegas 5:30 pm PT
			MBB at Fresno State Fresno, CA 7:30 pm PT		SB vs Kansas City Las Vegas 5:30 pm PT	BB vs Michigan State Las Vegas 6:05 pm PT	MGOLF vs Wailua Golf Course (Host: Hawaii) Lihue Kauai, Hawaii	MBB vs Colorado State Thomas & Mack Center 5:00 pm PT
							BB vs Michigan State Las Vegas 1:05 pm PT	

Events in Las Vegas

Luke Bryan Residency at Resort World
Feb - Sept 2022

Justin Bieber at T-Mobile Arena
February 20

Metallica/Greta Van Fleet at Allegiant Stadium
February 25

America's Got Talent Las Vegas Live at Luxor Hotel & Casino
Feb 16 - Dec 30, 2022

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Las Vegas Craft Shows gives opportunities to buy custom goods from local vendors

By Mark Credico
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The Silverton Casino recently hosted an LV Craft Show, which gives opportunities for local vendors to showcase their goods and personally meet new prospective customers.

LV Craft Shows is an organization that organizes, advertises and hosts events for local vendors to sell their products. The shows are held in casino convention centers, outdoor shopping malls and even virtually since the pandemic.

The show itself was in the Silverton's Veil Convention Center. After exiting the casino, an outdoor path leading to the convention center is lined on one side with vendors selling their custom goods under white canopies. Each vendor decorated their stand with their products and decorations matching the general feel of their products.

The products being sold had a surprisingly wide range. They ranged from Valentine's Day flower arrangements, to custom healing crystal jewelry, to custom standard jewelry, to blown



Inside of the convention center, crowds of people gathered around and moved between various vendors' stands. Photo by Mark Credico

glass lampshades, to freeze-dried candy, to homemade soul food spices, to 3D printed toys and knick-knacks and many more. Every vendor was friendly and greeted customers with what was assumed to be a smile under their mask.

"They want people to see them," said Susi Engl, owner and CEO of LV Craft Shows, "You know, it's different than when

you just show it online. They want to show off their creations."

LV Craft Shows started in 1999, however since 2015, they have been under new management. Engl was originally a vendor who sold custom handbags at the shows, but in 2015 she took over LV Craft Shows as owner and CEO. Her leadership and focus on advertising for the events has grown both the number of

customers by the thousands, according to the LV Craft Shows website.

"It's been great actually," said Engl, "We always bring in a lot of people because we do a lot of advertising, and people have been following us. So it's been very impressive."

LV Craft shows will be hosting a number of upcoming events in Las Vegas in the coming weeks both in person and online. There will be a virtual event on their website on Feb. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Their next in person event will be the Craft Festival at Tivoli Village on Feb. 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A full calendar of their upcoming events, and which ones will be free to enter can all be found on the LV Craft Shows official website.

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Top thrift stories for college students in Las Vegas

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Finding sustainable and fashionable clothing is a difficult goal to achieve especially on a college student budget, which is why many students elect to go thrifting.

There are plenty of thrift stores to choose from in Las Vegas, but there are only a few that offer a wide variety of options, are gender/size inclusive and affordable. In no particular order here are five of the top thrift stores in Las Vegas.

First off, there is Alt Rebel on South Commerce Street downtown. This women-owned second-hand store is a buy, sell, trade style store. If you are in need of a wardrobe cleanout bring in your clothes and receive cash or trade in for pieces from the store.

"I have found my favorite Harley Davidson tees there along with vintage concert tees and jackets for less than half price," UNLV student Trace O'leary said.

The staff hand picks pristine pieces of clothing, shoes and accessories from brands like Dr. Martens, Zara, Dolce & Gabbana, Stella McCartney, Vans etc. All garments are size inclusive, in good condition and laundered before being placed on the shopping racks. You might even get lucky

and find a piece with original tags.

The Salvation Army is widely known and most accessible with 12 locations throughout the valley. Womens, mens and children's clothing are found in their stores along with toys, art, bookbags and household items. All items are donated by locals at Salvation Army donation centers.

Their clean stores are color coordinated and provide deals like 50% off or \$1 for their already affordable clothing.

Buffalo Exchange, located on South Main Street in the Arts District, is another way to buy and sell your closet. Buffalo Exchange also has handpicked clothing, shoes and accessories from trending brands that are in great condition.

"They even have the mannequins with outfits that help spark inspo and help me find new staple pieces to add to my wardrobe," Las Vegas local Ali Pressler said.

It is easy to be inspired by the wide range of clothing items that can become a staple item for your style. These items are priced lower than retail prices which helps us college students out.

"I found a cute UNIF sweater once and it still has a big place in



A look inside Alt Rebel located on S Commerce St in Las Vegas. Photo by Jordan Anders-McClain

my heart especially since I can't afford to buy the actual brand," Pressler said.

Deseret industries are large thrift stores located in North Las Vegas and on the east side of the Las Vegas Valley. Similar to the Salvation Army, their pieces are donated from locals. Thrift stores get a bad reputation for being disorganized, but Deseret Industries is known for being a clean and organized space.

The store includes clothing from head to toe for the entire family. Along with kitchen items, furniture and crafts.

Besides clothing and accessories, there are various antique shops in Vegas. The one that stands out the most is Antique Alley south of Main Street. It is a curated mall with over 12,000 square feet of antique and vintage

items.

Antique Alley attracts artists, designers and collectors to their mall because of its versatility and reasonable prices. Instantly be greeted by gentle shop owners and transcend into (what seems) endless rows of antiques. Toys, clothing, furniture, decoration, novelty items and so much more are offered at the mall.

Thrilling discoveries await at our local thrift and antique stores. Whether you are on the hunt for a flashy pair of pants or a vintage lamp shade. The versatility of these thrift stores match our city's diversity.

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